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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *aaJ*

RE: Site Inspection, Western Clay Company, Hebe Gypsum Mine, M/015/072 (UTU-73779), Emery County, Utah

Date of Inspection: August 20, 1998
Time of Inspection: 1505 - 1550
Conditions: Hot, partly cloudy
Participants: Russ Harms, Terry Peterson, Georgia Pacific; Tony Gallegos, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To examine this site while in the area in consideration of the permit transfer from Western Clay Company to Georgia Pacific Corporation

Western Clay Company was not operating at this site during this inspection. We first examined the last active operations area (east end of Area A and south end of Area B shown on the plan map). The footprint of the disturbed area appears the same as at the last Division inspection. The only noticeable difference being the absence of a crushed gypsum stockpile which was present at the last site inspection. The disturbed area has not expanded beyond what was approved under the interim reclamation surety. Several photos were taken of the pit disturbance from a view point within the pit looking east to northwest. Additional photos were taken from a viewpoint up on the highwall of the pit looking southeast to the southwest.

The pit area is bordered by large gypsum boulders for the most part. Georgia Pacific is interested in crushing and breaking these boulders up on site and hauling the product off in the near future. They would be able to remove this product without conducting any additional mining.

We next walked through the adjacent area of future mining (Area C-2 on the plan map) to view a flagged threatened and endangered cactus. While on this portion of the site we discussed the Division's permit transfer process and the Division's treatment of the access road as a mining related disturbance and the BLM's treatment of this same road under a right-of-way agreement separate from the mining plan of operations.

There were no Division concerns with this mine site at this time. While driving out from the site the culverts under the access road were briefly examined. Georgia Pacific plans to replace or repair these culvert sections of the access road.

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